



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 182

LR 412(02)

## An Act To Protect Firefighters by Establishing a Prohibition on the Sale and Distribution of New Upholstered Furniture Containing Certain Flame-retardant Chemicals

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Table with 5 columns: Category, FY 2017-18, FY 2018-19, Projections FY 2019-20, Projections FY 2020-21. Rows include Net Cost (Savings) and Appropriations/Allocations for General Fund.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt rules to implement a prohibition on the sale of furniture containing flame retardant chemicals. In order to effectively implement these rules, the DEP has indicated it will need to develop a product labeling and registration program for manufacturers and a product sampling and testing program for certification. The DEP estimates that 25 products at a cost of \$12,500 will be purchased annually for product sampling. The laboratory testing for the product sampling is projected to have an annual cost of \$12,500. This bill includes annual General Fund appropriations of \$25,900 starting in fiscal year 2017-18 for product purchase, testing and technology costs.

This bill also includes General Fund appropriations of \$28,581 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$40,009 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the DEP for one part-time Environmental Specialist III position to develop and initiate the prohibition program and to coordinate laboratory testing of furniture products.